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Public Hearing on the proposed 2009 s. 85.21 Specialized Transportation Assistance Program for Counties for Door County Held by the Social Services Committee Meeting November 11, 2008

Social Services Committee Chairman Mark Moeller called the November 11, 2008 Public Hearing to order at 1:31 p.m. Other committee members present were Charles Brann, Nancy Bemmann, Joel Gunnlaugsson and Ben Meyer. Department staff present were: Roger Tepe, Bev Knutson, Doreen Weyenberg, Joanne Ator, Kay Englebert, and Christina Baudhuin.

Mark Moeller asked Roger Tepe, Director of the Department of Social Services if the Public Hearing had been properly noticed and upon confirmation of notice opened the meeting with a statement regarding the purpose of the hearing and the procedures, which would be followed. Mark Moeller asked Roger Tepe if there was any written correspondence to present and no written correspondence was received prior to the Public Hearing.

Three (3) individuals attended the Public Hearing. In attendance and speaking at the Public Hearing were:

Jennifer Nelson, American Red Cross – Director of Transportation, provided a hand out and a brochure. Ms. Nelson stated that the Door County Red Cross transportation program relies heavily on funding from the 85.21 program; and the funding received in 2008 was reduced by 50% from 2007. The Door County American Red Cross program has sought to reduce their expenses; and their office is now co-located at the Sunshine House. This move reduced their operating expenses. Ms. Nelson stated that they have applied for grants and are trying to obtain new revenue sources, but asks that the Social Services Committee continue to help/bridge the gap in 2009 with funding for transportation services.

Mae Vandermeuse, is a participant who takes the Red Cross bus to Green Bay every week. Ms. Vandermeuse stated that this is her only way to get to Green Bay.

Linda Dusendschon, is another participant who has been riding the Red Cross bus for the last six (6) years. Ms. Dusendschon commented that the Red Cross bus is a life line, it's helpful and it built a community. By taking the Red Cross bus, it helped her get out of the house. She thanked the committee for their support.

Chairman Mark Moeller concluded the hearing by thanking all participants for their time and for expressing their thoughts.

The Public Hearing concluded at 1:41 p.m.

Social Services Committee Meeting

1. Call to Order: Chair Mark Moeller called the November 11, 2008 meeting of the Social Services Committee to order at 1:41 p.m. Committee members present were, Charles Brann, Nancy Bemmann, Joel Gunnlaugsson and Ben Meyer. County staff present were Roger Tepe, Bev Knutson, Doreen Weyenberg, Joanne Ator, Christina Baudhuin, and Kay Englebert.

In order to accommodate some Committee members who had to leave early, Mark Moeller requested that all Action items be moved up for handling following these agenda items: Approval of the Agenda, Public Participation, Approval of the Minutes, Approval of the Vouchers and Introduction of Christina Baudhuin.

2. Approve Agenda: Motion by Charles Brann, second by Joel Gunnlaugsson to approve the agenda as posted. Motion carried.

3. Public Participation: There was no public participation.

4. Review and Approve Minutes of Social Services Committee Meeting. Motion by Ben Meyer, second by Joel Gunnlaugsson to approve the minutes of the October 21, 2008 Public Hearing on the 2009 budget and the regular meeting of the Social Services Committee. Motion carried.

5. Review and Approve Vouchers to be paid in November, 2008. Upon review and discussion, motion by Charles Brann, second by Nancy Bemmann to approve the vouchers as submitted and detailed below:

Social Services

Expenditures submitted for approval at this meeting	\$ 78,838.06
Bills paid outside of the normal bill paying procedures	2,106.26
Monthly entries for payments to other County Depts.	<u>2,358.22</u>
Total Social Services expenditures submitted for approval	\$ 83,302.54

Senior Resource Center

Total Senior Resource Center expenditures submitted for approval	<u>\$ 19,108.44</u>
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Total Expenditures for approval	<u>\$ 102,410.98</u>
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The motion carried unanimously.

6. Information: New Staff Member. Christina Baudhuin was introduced as the new Child Care Coordinator for the Economic Support Unit. Christina started on October 20, 2008. She comes with experience in running her own day care business and has a good understanding of child care.

7. Action: 85.21 Specialized Transportation Assistance Programs for Counties for 2009. The committee thoroughly discussed the 85.21 Specialized Transportation Assistance Program. Roger Tepe also reminded the committee that the 5311 grant application was submitted to the D.O.T., and we should know if that grant is awarded by the end of December, 2008. The 5311 program would generate additional revenue as well, if approved. Ben Meyer moved to accept the Department's proposed 2009 plan for the s. 85.21 Specialized Transportation Assistance Program for Counties, as presented and submit that plan to the Department of Transportation. Nancy Bemmann seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

8. Action: Finalize letter for the County Board concerning Aging Unit Director. Roger Tepe presented the committee with the final letter that would be presented to the County Board regarding the Aging Unit Director. Ben Meyer moved to have all Social Service Committee members sign the approved letter and deliver it to the full Door County Board of Supervisors, advising them of the County's lack of

compliance with the statutory requirement for a full – time Aging Unit Director (or equivalent). Mark Moeller seconded the motion, the motion carried unanimously.

It is noted that upon completion of all committee member signatures, Department staff will forward the letter to the County Administrator's Office for inclusion in the November 25, 2008 County Board packet.

13. Action: Request that all non-essential Committee meetings be cancelled for the month of December, 2008. At the request of the County Board Chairman, Leo Zipperer, it is asked that all non-essential Committee meetings be cancelled for the month of December. Joel Gunnlaugsson moved that the December 9, 2008 Social Service Committee meeting be cancelled and that Chair Mark Moeller be authorized to sign vouchers for the month of December, 2008 on behalf of the Social Services Committee, with full review the following month (on January 13, 2009). Charles Brann seconded the motion, the motion carried unanimously.

Nancy Bemmman was excused for the remaining portion of the meeting.

9. Information: Discussion of the 2009 Approved Door County Budget. Roger Tepe informed the Committee that at the 11/3/08 County Board meeting no changes were made concerning the Social Services and Senior Resource Center budgets. Roger has also started planning for the 2010 budget during 2008. The preliminary 2010 budget predictions will be presented to the County Administrator, Michael Serpe, sometime in January/February 2009.

10. Recurring Reports, Informational Only.

ADRC/Family Care: Roger Tepe had attended three (3) meetings since the last Committee meeting on October 21, 2008. Roger commented that the impact of the Democrat controlled Governor's Office and both houses of the State Legislature is still unknown. There is also planning underway with Door, Kewaunee, Brown and Oconto Counties to move forward together on Family Care. The State has issued a draft three (3) of a Franchise Model. This model basically would standardize Family Care. Over the next few months, Roger will be sitting down with Michael Serpe, County Administrator, and the County Board to discuss this topic in greater detail.

Bay Area Agency on Aging: Mark Moeller attended a meeting on October 30, 2008 at Lambeau Field, in Green Bay. The final meeting for the Bay Area Agency on Aging will be held in December. At that time, a discussion will take place about dissolving the Bay Area Agency and turning over the assets to the State. On January 1, 2009, Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources (GWAAR) will take over operations of Aging Services statewide. As of this committee's meeting, there was minimal staffing in place for GWAAR. Bay Area Agency's last date of operation will be December 30, 2008.

The committee took no Action.

11. Supervisor's Reports, Program Units, Informational Only.

Adult Services. Bev Knutson informed the committee that the Adult Services Unit currently has 17 clients on a waiting list for services. However, 25 new individuals have been served since the beginning of 2008 and 15 of those were funded through additional revenues from State and Federal funds. November is National Caregivers Month; and a luncheon was being planned for the caregivers on Wednesday, November 12th. Bev had noted that the holidays are the most stressful time of the year for caregivers. The educational seminar entitled "At the Crossroad"; Family Conversations about Alzheimer's disease, Dementia and Driving was a great success, and that a mini presentation will be done at the Senior Resource Center.

Child and Family Services. Dori Weyenberg reported to the committee that the social worker who had been working on a high profile case handled it very well. Dori will also be reviewing the Kinship Policy and Finger Printing Policy for Foster Parenting in the next few months. A report was given to the committee members as to where current placements are at and how many children are in Kinship Care. Committee Member Charles Brann had brought up discussion about the Challenge Program. Dori informed Mr. Brann that most of the children had been integrated into the regular school system with the exception of those that were court ordered.

Economic Support. Joanne Ator reported that since the start of the Energy Program, October 1st, there have been 189 applications (which is 6 more than last year at this time) and 133 have been processed and granted. Our subcontractor, the Women's Employment Project (WEP) who handles the energy assistance program is booked until the end of January, 2009 with appointments. Joanne did state that if there is a crisis, applications will be taken after 3:00 p.m. daily; and the WEP staff has 24 hours to respond. The average household payment for assistance is \$493.00 and is based on last years heating costs. For those clientele that have higher heating costs, they may be referred to the Weatherization Program priority action. Joanne also gave an update on the number of new cases for Food Share and Medical Assistance. Joanne noted that Wisconsin is a leader in Health Care Reform.

Support Services. Kay Englebert noted that letters will be sent to our vendors letting them know about an earlier year end cut-off date to receive payment for December 2008. In the month of December, the auditors will be doing some prep-work. Roger Tepe also mentioned that we will be working on the 2009 contracts.

The committee took no action on informational items presented.

12. Informational: Director's Report. Roger Tepe indicated that he and Kay Englebert will be watching the numbers very closely, as there are changes taking place both at the State and Federal level. There may be some changes in previously stated allocations, both in the current biennium (ending 06/30/09) and in the next biennium (07/01/09 - 06/30/11).

14. Set Next Meeting Date: The committee set its next monthly meeting for 1:30 p.m., January 13, 2009. The location is yet to be determined.

15. Adjournment: Motion by Joel Gunnlaugsson, second by Ben Meyer to adjourn the meeting at 4:00 p.m., Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine Coulthurst
Recording Secretary

APPROVED BY:

